



Office of Community Services

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program | LIHWAP

How Federal Aid for High Water Costs Helps Struggling Families

Stats for FY2022

PENNSYLVANIA

A State Snapshot

Total funding received: **\$43,250,117**

Funding expended: **\$35,786,816**

Months providing benefits in FY22: **9**



How has LIHWAP impacted households in need in Pennsylvania?

Individuals Served:
117,770

Disconnections prevented:

36,001

Water services restored:

2,441

Participating Water Service Providers:

900

Average LIHWAP benefit:

\$873.40

THE COST OF WATER IN PENNSYLVANIA

Nationally, water is the fastest growing household utility service. As a result, many Americans in Pennsylvania are struggling to pay their water and wastewater bills.

Median water and wastewater rate in 2022

\$148.46

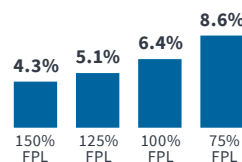
Rate includes water + sewer per month¹

Income-eligible individuals

2,407,913

Total individuals under 150% FPL²

Percent of income spent on water/wastewater by poverty rate³



FPL: Federal Poverty Level⁴

What is the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program?

LIHWAP is the first-ever federal water assistance program to help meet unmet water needs across the country by helping low-income households pay for their water and wastewater bills.

Who in Pennsylvania benefits from the program?

LIHWAP benefits households with the lowest incomes, and who pay a high proportion of income for drinking water or are facing water disconnection. This includes:

Pennsylvania households benefited

37,970

Households with an older adult

6,354

Households with a disabled person

10,721

Households with a child under five

10,230



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¹Water and sewer data from Duke University Nicholas Institute for Energy, Environment and Sustainability (2022). Represents large and very large utilities at usage rate of 10,000 gallons/month for inside customers

²Calculated from ACS 2021 1-year estimates, individuals with income below 150% poverty level

³Poverty rate: US Census Bureau American Community Survey

⁴FPL: US Dept of Health and Human Services